

Article appearing in Tokyo Asahi Shimbun, dated 26 June 1940
 Third Nation Interfering with National Policy will be Subject
 to Decisive Measures in Accordance with Imperial Way: Army
 Minister Demand for National Unity.

On the 25th at 4:00 p.m. War Minister HATA called together all the officers of the War Ministry, including Vice-Minister ANAMI and in a council room of the Ministry delivered important and noteworthy instructions concerning the current situation. Although the instruction ended after only twenty minutes, it made strong mention of War Minister HATA's mind, and the attitudes to be adopted by the Army, regarding the new party movement that is going to materialize rapidly on the occasion of Prince KONOYE's resignation as President of the Privy Council and regarding a change in our diplomatic policy concerning the European situation which is being advocated by a part of our nation. War Minister HATA made it clear that the Army's policy for coping with changing and imminent situations at home and abroad consists of two points: the first, to advance toward a rational and effective solution of the China Incident; the second, to bring about a political organization having a real national unity by affecting the reform and strengthening of internal wartime organization. As to the new party movement, he demanded the self-restraint of all officers in the Ministry, stating that they must at this juncture be especially careful of their speech and action in order that the Army's true intention may not by any chance be erroneously reported. Furthermore, he stated: "It is most desirable that a political organization having real national unity come into existence," and called for its smooth development, thereby expressing the Army's attitude toward this problem. As to diplomatic problems, War Minister HATA made clear the Army's fundamental attitude, stating as follows: In the disposition of the China Incident, the present international situation is indeed taking a favorable turn and may be considered, so to speak, a golden opportunity. Consequently, it is needless to say that we must not become a target for criticism of future generations by idly hesitating at this opportunity. Although the policy is that a third nation interfering with out carrying out of the Incident will be subject to decisive measures, even the slightest actions of the Empire should be firmly based on justice and aimed at fair diplomatic development. Resort to political chicanery even in the slightest degree should be taboo. It is very significant that throughout the instructions War Minister HATA, as the highest responsible person in military administration and a senior member of military circles, while stating his own mental attitude in regard to the present bewildering situation, on the other hand, made mention of the Army's fundamental attitude for coping with this internal and external situation. The contents of the instruction comprise the following five points:

(Photo Insert War Minister HATA)

1. Although there are many and various items which should be discussed by the Army for coping with the endlessly changing situations in the world, what you must remember is both a "rational and effective solution of the China Incident and the reform and strengthening of internal wartime organization." Bearing this constantly in mind, you must search for proper measures and take a broad view of world situations.

2. The present international situation is developing favorably from the standpoint of perfect execution of the state affairs of the Empire. It is needless to say that this opportunity must not be missed and that a third nation interfering with the accomplishment of our national policy, without understanding our just and fair assertion, will be subject to decisive measures. You must not incur blame for losing a golden opportunity by vainly listening to the words of pedants. However, even the slightest actions of the Empire should be based on the great spirit of the Imperial Way; opposing justice and resorting to political chicanery should be strictly taboo.

3. It is an undeniable fact that, in the present stage of disposition of the Incident, the Army must be the driving force in the execution of various policies for its solution. In view of its grave responsibility, the Army must become strongly unified, and there must be no disagreement in Army statements between high and low as well as between colleagues.

4. Strengthening of internal organization has been my desire since I assumed my office, and at every opportunity I have demanded that this be realized. It is most desirable that a political organization having real national unity come into existence. It is well known that there is a new party movement and various other movements of late which aim at the strengthening of internal political organization. Moreover, there are many people who want to know what intention is entertained by the Army; if by any chance the Army's true intention should be erroneously reported, it is feared that unexpected results would be produced and smooth development in strengthening the internal organization would be hampered. Therefore, you must pay deep attention to your speech and action.

5. The duties of each bureau and section, along with the development of the Incident and the sudden change in the international situation, have become complex and various. Although it is very hard to work during this hot season, I hope you will exert yourselves all the more to maintain military discipline, raise morale, and accomplish the Army's duty through close cooperation between high and low as well as between colleagues.

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Signed at Tokyo on this
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國策を改定する三國

皇道に基き断乎處置

陸相 峯國体制を要せし

Exhibit No.

畑陸相は二十五月午後四時から省内の會議室に河内政官
以下陸軍省の金將校を床のしきりに注目する大
訓話を行った訓話には僅か二十分間と云ふが、近衛
公の死後議長辞任と云ふのりとして、急速に具体化せし
る新堂運動を始めとして、改定後勢力を握る國内一部
のわが外交政策の轉變論に對し、切々畑陸相の環境と態度
に言及せざるを得ない。即ち畑陸相は現下の要務急調とせ
ざる内外の諸般に對處するべき陸軍の方針は第一に
又那事と云ふの合理的かつ有効なる解決に同調して邁進すること、
第二に國內戰時体制の刷新断然と實現して、眞實の
奉國一致の政治体制を創設することの二大に盡くすることを闡明し、
新堂運動に對しては省内の金將校に際して言行に注
意し、萬一にも軍の眞意が誤り傳へられることのない様注意
すべきであるとして、自衛と脅威しつゝも、眞實の奉國一致の政
治体制の生れることは最善とせしむることである。これが一顧調
な進展を要せし。陸軍のこの問題に對する態度を明確に

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二、按下列圖式長短線之數目，圖式與左方圖式相同，則一、

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今からわが皇國の一挙一動は皆中に皇道の大精神に基く
 べきものが正義にたし権威に定まるがゆゑは徹に戒むべきである

三 事変処置の現狀は固に於てこれを解決のため軍が各種政策を遂行する推進力に乏しくはなからうが、さる事案を以て、軍はその重責に鑑み、鉄石の固執を固り上下官吏左右一政軍の主張において寸分の踰越もあてはならぬ

四 國內体制の強化は本職 應に其の意願にて機会ある毎に
 此が實現を希望したと云ふやうて眞の全國一致の政治体制
 の生れることは最も望まはしきことである、此時國內政治体制の
 強化と自衛と主權を尊重する他の各種の動向のありことは
 衆知の通事である、然しこの問題の抱懐する意向を知ること
 する向ふが妙くなやうであるが、方一にも眞の眞意が誤り傳へら
 れることはあると思はれる、結果を預まし國內体制強化の順
 調なる進展を阻害する事になりぬとも限らなからである
 か、諸君は之の言行に注意の注意を要するのである

五 各商課の業務は其の進捗と國際情勢の急転變に伴
 伴なく、複雑多岐となり大戦の候諸君の労苦も
 また大層なものがあるものであるが、一可上とも軍紀を振舞ひし士
 氣を振作し上下に而も奮然と聯軍の下に軍の任務完
 遂に努められんことを望む。

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